

Remarks

Claims 21-35 are pending. Claims 1-20 have been canceled. New Claims 21-35 are added in this Amendment.

New Claim 21 is directed to a method that includes storing an authorized bio signature in a memory of a printer and the printer comparing an entered bio signature for a user to the authorized bio signature. The printer allows the user access to the configuration controls of the printer only if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature.

New Claim 27 is directed to a printing system that includes a printer and a biometric identification device operatively connected to the printer for entering bio signatures directly into the printer. The printer is configured to store an authorized bio signature in a memory of the printer, compare a bio signature of a user entered through the biometric identification device to the authorized bio signature, and allow the user access to the configuration controls of the printer only if the entered bio signature matches the authorized bio signature.

In Teitelbaum (5848231), by contrast, all biometric tasks occur at a computer, not at a printer. Furthermore, Teitelbaum does not suggest anything at all about how a printer is configured or what actions are performed by the printer. Each bio signature in Teitelbaum is associated with a particular computer system configuration. Teitelbaum, column 4 lines 9-16. While the computer system configuration may include "available peripherals...." Teitelbaum, column 4 line 13, Teitelbaum says nothing about the configuration of any of the "available peripherals." There is nothing in Teitelbaum that can reasonably be interpreted as teaching or even suggesting a bio signature is required to access the configuration controls of a printer.

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